

INTERVIEW SUMMARY SHEET

1. Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The interview focused on proposed claim language, prior art of record, and the inventive entity between this application and the Kortes reference (WO 03/063614).

Regarding the claim language, applicant proposed language defining a reduced fat food as a food with at least 25% less fat than a corresponding full fat food. However, the examiner commented the proposed language does not define a base line amount of fat. In other words, a limitation referencing a corresponding full fat food may not define any particular food, any particular baseline amount of fat, or any associated fat reduction.

Regarding the Portman reference (USPN 5,288,509), the examiner noted the reference suggested adding the claimed yeast extract into a variety of food compositions, including margarine. The specification lists margarine as an exemplary food with a reduced amount of fat derived from fat or oil-rich food (Specification, p. 9, ln. 9).

Regarding the Kortes reference, applicant proposed affidavit language to demonstrate the two inventors in this application were the sole inventors of the subject matter of the present invention. Examiner commented the language appeared to meet the requirements under 37 CFR 1.132. Therefore, the proposed affidavit language appears to overcome the 102(e) rejections over Kortes.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WALTER MOORE whose telephone number is (571) 270-7372. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Sample can be reached on (571) 272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Walter Moore/
Examiner AU 1794
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